Violation of guidelines for Rural Development Schemes

1491. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that States are not strictly following Central guidelines about rural development schemes funded by it;

(b) if so, the reasosn therefor;

(c) which are the first five States defaulting in this regard; and

(d) the action initiated or proposed by Central Government against those States?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (d) The guidelines about rural development schemes issued by the Union Government are generally followed by all States. However, a few instances of violation of these guidelines in a few States have been brought to the notice of the Ministry. These cases have been referred to the State Governments concerned, for inquiry and corrective action.

Misappropriation of Funds of Rural Development Schemes

1492. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether specific cases of misappropriation of funds and mismanagement of rural development schemes have come to notice of Government;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) whether benefits of poverty alleviation schemes is going to best among the poors;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the step taken for rectifying it?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Such cases of misappropriation are referred to the State Governments concerned, for taking appropriate action as States are responsible for implementation of the programmes at grass-root level.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) and (e) Question does not arise.

Grant-in-aid for Rural Development

1493. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various schemes of grant-in-aid available for developing the Rural Sector;

(b) what are the guidelines for these schemes;

(c) what is the total outlay in the Budget for such schemes; and

(d) how many such applications are pending with Government, State-wise/District-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) The major grant-in-aid schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development are Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP).

(b) The central funds are allocated to States under different programmes as per predetermined criteria.

(c) The total budget outlay (Plan) provided for the schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development in Budget Estimate (BE) 1999-2000 is Rs. 9026 crores.

(d) Information is being collected.

Beneficiaries of National Family Benefit Scheme in HP

1494. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons covered under the National Family Benefit Scheme in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise, during 1997-98 and 1998-99, upto November, 1999, on natural deaths and accidental deaths, separately; and